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## 1. During the period from 1 to 3 March 1951

                     at the Dessau (N 52/E 06) airfield                      the administrative personnel of the field had come from Koethen (N 52/D 95), (1) while the technical personnel had arrived from Elsterlager, from where replacements currently arrived. (2) Airfield commandant was Lieutenant Colonel Sakabunin, (fnu), who was billeted at 20 Meierstrasse in Dessau-Alten. (3)                      The division headquarters was in Wittberg (N 52/D 37). (5) Money from the depots was taken to Wittenberg from where the wages for the German shoemakers and tailors also were paid. German workers with relatives in eastern Germany were not hired. For several weeks the unit had been equipped with a second mobile transmitter which frequently changed its location.

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## 2. During the period from 26 February to 11 March flying was conducted at the Dessau airfield only on 3, 5 and 6 March. The planes circled over the field without retracting their landing gears. There was no night flying.

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3. On 3 and 6 March, 21 MIG-15s covered by tarpaulins were seen at the eastern edge of the field. (6) About 25 senior lieutenants were seen shopping in Dessau. Trucks                      with a wooden superstructure                      were seen proceeding toward the quarters south of the field.

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4. On 5 March a searchlight mounted on a truck was seen by the side of the radio truck in the northeastern corner of the field. On other days this truck had not been noticed there.                      this truck continually changed its location.

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Comments.

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- (1) This statement presumably refers to the situation in the fall of 1949, when a fighter regiment, previously located in Koethen, moved to the Dessau airfield.

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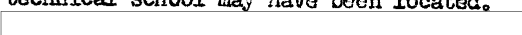
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(2) A locality called Elsterlager is not known. The statement possibly refers to Altes Lager (Justerbog) where an air force technical school may have been located.

(3)  The officer mentioned is believed to be the commanding officer of a bomber unit or of the ATB.

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(5) It is believed that this is actually the ATD headquarters. The fighter division headquarters is located in Alt-Loennowitz.

(6) The number of MIG-15 aircraft in Dessau is estimated at 30.

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